

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

WRIT PETITION NO.13270 OF 1997

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DATED: 03-04-2007

Between:

M. Reddeppa

.. Petitioner

and

The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupathi
Devasthanam, Tirupathi and another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

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____ This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not considering the case of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Driver in Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam (for short 'T.T.D.') and appointing persons who are similarly placed like petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary.

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____ There is no necessity of going into all the details.

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____ In fact, earlier the petitioner, who is working as Mazdoor in T.T.D., filed W.P.No.1135 of 1993 before this Court with the same prayer and the same was disposed of on 11-11-1994 directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner as driver on par with those who have been selected as drivers, since he has been possessing Heavy Vehicle Driving License like them. Pursuant to the said order, the petitioner was called for proficiency test being conducted by the expert committee of the T.T.D. The candidates who succeed in the proficiency test alone will be selected to the post of driver. But, the petitioner was not qualified in the said test. The panel of experts, who conducted proficiency test to the petitioner, made the following observations:

- i) _____ No steering control
- ii) _____ No concern about other road users and vehicles
- iii) _____ No signals were observed while driving
- iv) _____ No gear changing at appropriate time
- v) _____ Gear changing both up and down is improper
- vi) _____ Clutch riding and
- vii) _____ He is coming to lower gears by applying breaks.

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Finally they have observed that the petitioner is not fit for the post of Heavy Vehicle Driver in view of the safety involved and also Ghat road operations. Hence, the case of the petitioner was rejected.

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In view of the above, the petitioner has no right whatsoever to seek employment as driver in T.T.D. The writ petition is devoid of merits and is liable to be dismissed.

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Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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C.V. RAMULU, J

3rd April, 2007.
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